

**CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**206 South 17th Avenue, Transportation Board Room**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**December 5, 2000**

A Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) meeting was held at the Arizona Department of Transportation, Transportation Board Room, 206 South 17th Avenue, Rooms 145-147, Phoenix, Arizona on December 5, 2000 with Chairman William G. Beyer presiding.

**Members Present:**

**William G. Beyer, Chairman**  
**Brian Campbell, Member-At-Large**  
**Jim Lykins, Maricopa County District 2**  
**Isaac Serna, Maricopa County District 5**

**Members Absent:**

**Scott Newton, Maricopa County District 1**  
**Ron Gawlitta, Maricopa County District 3**  
**Paul Schwartz, Maricopa County District 4**

**Others Present:**

Ed Johnson, Youngtown, AZ; Kathleen Morley, ADOT; Dan Lance, ADOT; Bill Hayden, ADOT; Kwi-Sung Kang, ADOT; Dennis Smith, MAG; Victor Mendez, ADOT; Carolyn Deobler, ADOT; Steve Jimenez, ADOT; Perry Powell, ADOT; William C. "Blue" Crowley; Chuck Eaton, ADOT; and Cyndi Selby, ADOT

**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Beyer called the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of the September 19, 2000 CTOC Minutes**

**Chairman Beyer called for a motion. Brian Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the CTOC meeting held on July 25, 2000 as circulated. Jim Lykins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Staff Report**

Chuck Eaton addressed the Committee regarding the following issues:

## **LIFE CYCLE PROGRAM**

The development of the semi-annual FY 2002-2007 Regional Freeway System Life Cycle Program is underway. The program update will include the following:

- Update of the project costs and revenue forecasts based on input from the Risk Analysis panel of experts.
- Consideration for additional noise mitigation features warranted by ADOT's updated noise policy.
- Adjustment of Landscape budgets to account for inflation.

The first draft of the Life Cycle Program is expected to be available for discussion at the January 16, 2001 CTOC meeting. Approval of a Tentative Program for public comment is expected in February.

## **TENTATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN MAG REGION**

ADOT and MAG staffs have met a number of times to cooperatively identify, select and prioritize projects proposed for programming in the FY 2006 program year. A recommendation will be presented to the Board and MAG committees in December or January. Major projects being considered include: I-10 CD Roads (Baseline to 16<sup>th</sup> St.); HOV lanes on SR 51 from Glendale to Shea; continuation of the widening of SR 85 to four lanes; funding for initial work on the Wickenburg Bypass and funding for a park and ride lot. Dennis Smith, MAG, will present information on the cooperative process and project selection under your agenda item 6.

## **PRICE FREEWAY**

ADOT is anticipating opening the mainline of the Price Freeway, south of Chandler Boulevard through Guadalupe, to traffic around Christmas. To celebrate the opening ADOT and the City of Chandler will host a "Picnic n the Price" scheduled on December 16<sup>th</sup>; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. near the Chandler Blvd. overpass.

## **AGUA FRIA FREEWAY (Loop 101)**

The final section of the Agua Fria from I-10 to Northern was completed and a freeway dedication held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 10,000 people attended the celebration – walking, wheeling and participating in the 5K Run on the unopened section. Local dignitaries lauded the completion and are anticipating increased growth for their communities. The freeway officially opened to traffic later in the day.

## **UPDATES OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:**

**Loop 101, E ½ I-17 Interchange** – The southbound to eastbound ramp opened in August. Seven of the all eight ramps are now open. The mainline opened from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue last month.

**Santan Freeway (Loop202) – West ½ I-10 / Santan Interchange (Pecos Connection)** - The project has been awarded to D.H. Blanttner and is under construction. Completion is targeted for March 2002.

**Red Mountain Freeway (Loop 202) – Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road Phase B (McDowell Road traffic interchange)** – The project was advertised in November.

## **UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:**

**Superstition Freeway (US 60) Design Build Project – I-10 to Val Vista** – A tentative schedule has been established with late January or early February 2001 for bid advertisement. A month is needed to evaluate the bid process, with a possible project award in mid-April/early May pending finalization of the bonds.

## **OTHER PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Pima Freeway (Loop 101) – Scottsdale Road to Pima Road** –95% plans are underway to redesign the drainage facility in this segment to allow a pass through system.

**Pima – SRPMIC Boundary to Camelback Road** – Plans are complete. Construction projects will advertise when Salt River Pima Maciopa Indian Community provides water to the site, still expected in late 2001.

**SR 51 Bell to Loop 101** – ADOT and the City of Phoenix have completed an IGA that provides for the acceleration of the Union Hills to Loop 101 by combining it with the adjacent project from Bell to Union Hills. Both sections will complete near the end of 2003.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS:**

**South Mountain** – Scopes of work for a Design Concept Report (DCR) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised the second week of October. HDR has been selected and contract negotiations are underway.

**Loop 202/US 60 T.I.** – The Design Concept Report (DCR) and Environmental Assessment is underway. The Alternatives Selection Report was submitted early this month. A study status report was distributed. Neighborhood meetings are continuing.

**Chairman Beyer requested further information be presented to CTOC regarding**

**Loop 202/US 60 T.I. when more information is available – a March agenda item.**

#### **4. Financial Compliance Audit Report**

Chuck Eaton addressed the Committee regarding the Financial Compliance Audit and distributed the Final Financial Compliance Report.

Expenditures that were reviewed were Design, Right of Way and Construction on six different corridors:

- The expenditure codes in the funds charging guidelines were allowable costs under the statute.
- The total expenditures did not exceed budgeting amounts.

Selected projects included some mid to late 1980 right of way projects, for which adequate documentation to support the budget amounts was not found.

Brian Campbell stated that he was concerned that ADOT lost 25% due to this inadequate documentation that the auditors randomly selected. Mr. Campbell inquired as to whether these records were completely unretrievable.

Mr. Eaton stated unfortunately, part of the program includes third party expenditures and modified numbers. When implementing the program controls that are now in operation, the older program was overwritten. Right of Way budgets for specific projects were almost non-existent during that time.

Mr. Campbell inquired as to what projects were included that maintained inadequate documentation, in order to get a more balanced perspective. Mr. Campbell emphasized that this was a wonderful report, other than the inadequate documentation section.

**Mr. Eaton will list the projects that the auditors were unable to get the budget amounts and distribute to the CTOC members. Brian Campbell will report on those projects, in comparison with the adequately documented projects at the next CTOC meeting.**

#### **5. 2000 Performance Audit Reporting**

Mr. Eaton addressed the Committee regarding quarterly 2000 Performance Audit Report, which was distributed to the members. The report contains the action items that were identified in the audit, the owner (or person charged with implementing the action item), the sponsor (or person overseeing the implementation of that item), the target completion date, comments and actual completion date. Every quarter, the CTOC members will receive this report.

Status of the actions items:

- Make sure that the Project Development Process Manual is updated regarding documentation of the practices used by the project managers to carry out their tasks in overseeing the development of the projects through design and construction. This manual will be completed in late 2001/early 2002, which in the long run will improve delivery of the Regional Freeway System

**Chairman Beyer requested a progress report from Steve Jimenez regarding this action item at the March 2001 CTOC meeting.**

- A number of the action items address the concerns of air quality. The Dust Devil Academy was attended by design people, project advisors, resident engineers and others involved in project efforts to educate on the air quality issues and action these employees can take to contribute to clean air control while construction is taking place. Future workshops will be held to continue efforts in this education.

**Chairman Beyer requested a meeting be held with Chuck Eaton and interested CTOC members prior to the next quarterly report is presented at a CTOC meeting in order to discuss action items.**

#### **6. ADOT / MAG Cooperative Process for Selection of Projects to be Programmed**

Dennis Smith of MAG addressed the Committee regarding the project selection process. MAG, ADOT, Valley Metro/RPTA are working in cooperation in this selection. Mr. Smith stated that federal guidance is being used in these selections. The guidance states "a cooperatively developed funding estimate". A RAAC Committee was formed to assist in developing this estimate. The guidance further states that a fully coordinated public involvement process is recommended. This is being done. The guidance states that a cooperatively developed TIP with ADOT and the Transit Operator should be developed. A Stakeholder meeting was held in Maricopa County. Dan Lance of ADOT discussed project selections with various areas of ADOT and gave MAG a list of ADOT's priority projects. RAAC gave a funding estimation to MAG. ADOT, MAG and RPTA staffs met approximately 5 times to ensure the list was prioritized properly. The list is now being walked through MAG Committees, to the Regional Council, then CTOC, next to the Transportation Review Committee and wrapped up into the March Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a conformity analysis, if all goes through right, then it goes back through after computer compiling.

Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) is when the federal government counts the gasoline tax receipts once a year and say "based on the actual receipts, here's how much money you're going to get for that year." That money, together with the previous two years, a projection is made as to the amount of additional funding available to program projects. The additional RABA funds were sufficient to fund a number of ; smaller projects in 2002 through 2005 timeframe, with larger projects being scheduled for 2006. The RABA funding comes to both ADOT and MAG from FHWA. MAG receives both CMAQ funds and STP funds.

Mr. Smith gave an overhead presentation of the various upcoming major projects.

- Collector/Distributor system on US60 Superstition route. Funding amounts hopefully will cover getting around the Broadway Curve, tying into the future SR153 interchange at 40<sup>th</sup> Street. This is the heaviest traveled section of freeway in the state (about 240,000 vehicles a day on the Broadway Curve).

- Park and Ride lots are on the priority list (10 locations are being researched at this time)

- Restriping or widening on Interstate 10 from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue to begin the process of closing the gap between 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

**Chairman Beyer stated that a park and ride lot at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Loop 101 would add to traffic congestion at that intersection and recommendations have been made that a lot would be more appropriate at 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Further discussion included Long Range Transportation Plans and statewide priorities that ADOT must also research for future program funding.

## **7. Regional Freeway System Construction Overview**

Perry Powell of ADOT addressed the Committee regarding an overview of the construction projects being constructed on the Regional Freeway System. Mr. Powell gave his presentation by utilizing aerial photographs/slides that were taken on November 28, 2000.

**It was decided that the slide show updates regarding the Regional Freeway System construction projects would be presented at CTOC meetings on a periodic basis.**

## **8. Response to Gilbert Public Meeting**

Bill Hayden addressed the Committee regarding responses to Gilbert Public Meeting inquiries. Mr. Hayden stated that many of the neighbors from Gilbert had concerns related to bicycle lanes, recreation paths, equestrian trails, etc. that might be impacted by the future freeway. Mr. Hayden displayed an overview of Maricopa County's trail system, which will consist of about 227 miles of trails that will connect all of the regional parks and will predominantly use existing Salt River Project canals or waterways, such as the Agua Fria Channel or the Salt River Channel, etc. This plan is in the process of being finalized with the county still holding public meetings and receiving input from the public. Today, there are less than 60 miles of trails in place, but it is an incremental process. This process has been planned for approximately 15 years, ADOT has been well aware of the county plans and the county is well aware of the freeway plans; therefore, this has been a cooperative effort to date.

ADOT will continue to work with neighborhood associations in efforts to preserve equestrian trails.

**9. Call to the Public**

**10. Next Meeting**

Next Regular CTOC Meeting  
ADOT Administration Building  
Transportation Board Room  
January 16, 2001  
5:00 p.m.

**11. CTOC Member Reports**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**